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Amendment C**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

HARBERD et al

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Examiner: Mehta, A.

For: NUCLEIC ACID ENCODING GAI GENE OF ARABIDOPSIS THALIANA

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December 19, 2002

**AMENDMENT**Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2002, in the above matter, the period for response having been extended up to December 19, 2002, by submission of the required petition and fee herewith. Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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A preferred nucleotide sequence for a GAI gene is one which encodes amino acid sequence shown in Figure 4 (SEQ ID